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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a long term, loyal customer Sonic.net. I chose them many years ago because of their superior pricing and outstanding customer service. Comcast, my previous provider, were continually raising their prices with no improvements to what I received as their customer. Plus, their customer service was abysmal.

You must not eliminate competition provided by smaller providers. They are the only mechanism by which consumers have an alternative and can keep the large providers from having a megalopoly. Only having a few large communications suppliers is not in the interest of consumer, of the community, or of innovation. We must keep competition free to maintain a communications industry that produces the best technology, at the best prices for our society. European telecom companies, for instance, are way ahead of the U.S. in what is available for consumers.

Thank you,

**Ronald Schloss**